

1401 Main Street, Suite 900



Phone: (803) 737-0800

[lhammon@regstaff.sc.gov](mailto:lhammon@regstaff.sc.gov)

*C. Lessie Hammonds  
Counsel for ORS*

August 20, 2018

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Request for Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.314 and Telecommunications Act Section 254(e), Federal Communications Commission CC Docket No. 96-45 (Form 481); and Annual Reports for ETC  
**Docket No. 2018-14-C**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-690.1. B (a), the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") files this report on the 2018 Annual Reporting for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers for Low Income and High Cost Support Reporting. Details of this report are as follows:

**Wireless Carriers receiving High Cost Support:**

FTC Communications, LLC d/b/a FTC Wireless is the only remaining wireless carrier receiving high cost support. ORS has received and reviewed the Annual Report filed by FTC Communications, LLC d/b/a FTC Wireless. FTC Wireless also filed a copy of its FCC 481 report.

FTC Wireless provided information related to its operations for the year 2017-2018. FTC Wireless' report indicates that the federal support received by it is being used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The Company reported that the company completed work on one cell tower and was awaiting the delivery of radios and other equipment which had been back ordered to complete construction on a second tower.

Also, Mr. Jeffrey Lawrimore, Chief Financial Officer for FTC Communications, LLC, filed an Affidavit with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina certifying that all the federal high cost support provided to FTC Wireless was used during the preceding year and will be used in the coming year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading facilities and services for which such support is intended.

Low Income Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("CETCs"):

The following Low Income (Lifeline only) CETCs have filed a report as required by Commission Regulation 103-690.1.

AirVoice Wireless, LLC d/b/a Feelsafe Wireless  
Boomerang Wireless, LLC d/b/a enTouch Wireless  
Global Connection, Inc. of America (Wireline)  
Global Connection, Inc. of America d/b/a Stand Up Wireless  
IM Telecom, LLC d/b/a Infiniti Mobile  
i-wireless, LLC aka Access Wireless  
Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC  
Q LINK WIRELESS, LLC  
Sage Telecom Communications, LLC- TruConnect  
TAG Mobile, LLC  
Telrite Corporation d/b/a Life Wireless  
Tempo Telecom, LLC  
TracFone Wireless/SafeLink Wireless  
Virgin Mobile USA, L.P. aka: Assurance Wireless of South Carolina, LLC

Those carriers failing to file the required report are Blue Jay Wireless, LLC, American Broadband and Telecommunications Company, and Tele Circuit Network Corporation. Blue Jay Wireless was the subject of a recent Rule to Show Cause Proceeding (Docket No. 2018-148-C) for failing to file other reports. In this case the Office of Regulatory Staff recommends that the Commission revoke the CETC designation of the Blue Jay Wireless, LLC. The Office of Regulatory Staff has communicated with the remaining CETCs concerning this matter. These non-compliant CETCs have indicated their intent to comply with the Commission reporting requirements. Since these carriers are currently, non-compliant with timely filing of the required report, ORS recommends that the Commission suspend the ETC Designation of American Broadband and Telecommunications Company and Tele Circuit Network Corporation for thirty (30) days to allow these carriers to resolve their non-compliance or to notify their customers of the impending revocation of their ETC designation. The customer notification would allow customers to seek alternative Lifeline service. For those CETCs who remain out of compliance at the end of the thirty (30) day period, the Commission should immediately revoke the carrier's ETC designation and send notification of the revocation to the FCC.

Letter – Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Page 3 of 3  
August 20, 2018

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns regarding the matter above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Lessie Hammonds', with a stylized flourish at the end.

C. Lessie Hammonds